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20 JAN 13 2000 MS. GREEN: Hi. My name is Eileen Greene. I'm

21 a member of Utah Peace Test and some other organizations.

1 22 One of the issues that I think is really important that we

23 really do need to think about is the issue of democracy.

24 You know, we've been talking a lot about scientific

25 issues, and these are very important things to be

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1 considering. I would hope, as the woman stated earlier,

2 that the Department of Energy could do a better job next

3 time in raising awareness about these meetings so there

4 can be more people. I know there would have been more

5 people here if there had been more people that had

6 realized this was going to be going on.

2 7 Also, I really feel very strongly that the
8 wishes of the Native American population can be respected.

9 And I'm glad to hear that that's something that is being

10 mentioned. I don't really think that the people who don't

11 own that land really have a right to be able to be making

12 those decisions.

3 13 Also, in relationship to the issue of whether it
14 is more dangerous to ship waste across the United States
15 than to keep it where it is, it's something that we should
16 definitely look at all the different possibilities and we
17 should give it some thought. But it is something we

18 should really -- we should really think about the amount
19 of accidents that happen normally on our highway system.
20 If an accident happens with nuclear waste, it's a horrible
21 disaster for the people in the area, and that's a very
22 serious consideration that I hope you would take me to
23 point.

4 24 There is the issue I can understand that we
25 don't really have a clear analysis of which routes are

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1 going to be used. It would be good in preparing the
2 environmental impact statement if the Department of Energy
3 could make clear what routes are going to be used.

5 4 Also, with the health impact assessment, I have
5 understood that it's -- with the environmental impact
6 statement the only thing that was looked at was what's
7 called the latent cancer fatality. Cancer fatality was
8 looked at but other issues were not looked at. Cancer,
9 not cancer fatalities, just occurrences of cancer were not
10 looked at, just the fatalities that were resulting from
11 cancer.

6 12 And also, since the early analysis of this
13 situation it has been known that fractures in the rock of
14 Yucca Mountain will allow the release of radioactive gases
15 over time as nuclear waste decays, and primary gas will be

16 carbon-14. It's estimated that the release of this
17 radioactive gas will have a global impact over time that
18 will result in 25,000 additional cancers. And people can
19 say and argue that maybe that's not true, but that's
20 something that should be definitely looked into.

21 Anyway, the other thing is that this fact, the
22 fact that this could have resulted in these cancers would
23 have prevented the site from being licensed under the
24 EPA's nuclear waste repository standards, but in 1992
25 congress exempted Yucca Mountain from the EPA standard.

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1 And that's kind of a funny thing to see happening, that
2 they're I guess excluding it from those standards.

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3 I hope we can all keep in mind the issue of the
4 earthquakes and the fault lines that are in the area as
5 well. That's another really important issue. I hope that
6 we can all look very seriously at that, at the fault lines
7 that are there, and just think very seriously about the
8 best thing to do with this.

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9 And to tie it up, I would add -- to finish up, I
10 haven't prepared a huge statement, I just sort of came
11 here and put this together while I was here, but I really
12 hope that we can respect the wishes of the Native American
13 population. I do believe that this -- I don't believe

9 14 anybody is really trying to be acting in a way that's
15 racist, but it does come across that way. And I would
16 hope that we can -- you know, I agree with Cynthia that
17 these people are -- the people that are working on this
18 are human beings as well and that they can -- they will be
19 able hopefully to look at all the aspects of the decision
20 that they're making and the effect that it will have on
21 other people, and that we can have a lot more democracy in
22 the decision making about this. Thank you.

23 MR. BROWN: Thanks a lot. If there is a written
24 copy of that available, the court reporter would
25 appreciate if --

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1 MS. GREENE: I will get one. I don't have one
2 right here.

3 MR. BROWN: Great. Thanks a lot.